

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

Quinceañera and Sweet 16 Checklist

- Quinceañeras and Sweet 16 celebrations must be registered at least 6 months in advance through the Parish Office.
- Must have documentation of Sacraments, Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation (if applicable).
- Must be enrolled in Confirmation Program.
- Both Celebrant and Parents must attend Sunday mass on a regular basis.

Father Juan Jose Ibarra, OFM

Date _____

Sandra Lopez

Date _____

****Turn this page in to office as soon as possible.**

Liturgical Preparation

Quince Años Celebration

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Parent's Name _____

Godparents' Name _____

Names of Damas & Escorts

Celebrant:	Escort:
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	
10	
11	
12	
13	
14	
15	

The Celebration will be on _____ at _____ pm
at _____.

****Turn this page in to office as soon as possible.**

Blessing of the Gifts

Required:

The Bible is to nourish her faith and to serve as a reminder of the importance of prayer, the Bible is a crucial spiritual tool which she will need throughout her adult life.

The Rosary is not only beautiful and delicate, but an inspiring way to assist the Quinceañera with her prayers. It symbolizes the example of Mary for the young lady to live by, so that she may one day reach oneness with Him in Heaven.

The Crucifix symbolizes her Catholic faith, that Jesus is our God and by his holy cross has redeemed us.

Flowers (Roses), symbolize that the “Quinceañera” will do good, beautiful and wonderful deed in her community. The flowers also represent that she will do her best, to be a good example and to be more responsible. She will offer these flowers to God and to His Blessed Mother, after the final blessing.

Optional:

The Earrings are a reminder to always her to keep her ears tuned to the word of God.

The Ring represents grace as well as a girl’s bond to God, her family, and her community.

The Watch symbolizes the time used to do God’s will and remind us that life on this earth is temporary and will pass away.

The Bracelet being a continuous circle, is a wonderful reminder of God’s unending love for her. It also symbolizes being part of the church community.

The Kneeling Cushion symbolizes her kneeling before God when praying with pity and respect.

****Padrinos for these gifts must be in a state of grace, meaning that they are able to confess and to receive the Holy Eucharist.**

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church

Quinceañera and Sweet 16

Information and Guidelines

The world was blessed when God created you, the church was blessed your parents presented you for Baptism, and now Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish is blessed as you present yourself to God on the day of your Quinceañera. The Quinceañera is a valuable part in our Catholic faith, it not only joins the youth and adults but the entire parish in calling all of us to renew our commitment to God and to the church.

This beautiful celebration is a renewal of our Baptism promises and should be a time of giving thanks to God for the gift of life, family and community.

Pre-requisites

The celebrant and her family should be registered parishioners of Our Lady of Guadalupe at the time of requesting a celebration.

Guidelines

1. The celebrant must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Holy Communion before the ceremony. The celebrant must be enrolled/ or attending confirmation class.
2. Must provide copies of documents of sacraments {Baptism and Holy Communion}.
3. Both Celebrant and Parents/ Guardians must attend Sunday mass on a regular basis at Our Lady of Guadalupe or its Missions. If attending a different church, a church bulletin for that church must be signed by the Priest and presented with paperwork.

4. The celebrant must complete community service hours by attending parish events and retreats. Retreats must be attended by both parents and celebrant.
5. Since your Quinceañera is a religious event, all the musical selections are to be of religious nature. It is your reasonability to book and pay for musicians.
6. Photography and videographer are allowed; however, they must be respectful to the church and not interfere with the flow of the ceremony.

Gifts, Padrinos, Damas and Escorts

1. Damas and Escorts must be actively involved in church activities, they are to be practicing Catholics and they must be able to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation.
2. All participants involved must attend confessions and rehearsal for at least one hour.
3. Typically, the Padrinos for the gifts are chosen as being a stable couple who are married through the catholic church, who will ideally serve as mentors for the young lady in both life and in the church as she journeys on her spiritual path.
4. See list for gifts.

MASS CELEBRATION

1. Formal dress or Sunday best attire, this also applies to the Damas (shoulders must be covered by the dress or a shawl must be worn, no exceptions).
2. Must have gone to confession prior to mass to receive communion.

3. Must have at least three lectors for first reading, responsorial psalm, second reading and prayer to the faithful. You will also need two persons for collections.
4. Church decorations:
 - a. Bows for pews must have a plastic hook, no tape.
 - b. At least two small arrangements or one large arrangement for the altar.
5. Please have everyone arrive at the church at least 20 minutes before celebration is to start. You will have 30 minutes after mass to take pictures. Remember there is mass at 6:00 pm therefore it is important to begin and end on time.
6. NO food, chewing gum or drinks are allowed in church.
7. All cellphones or other devices must be turned off.

Procession into the church

Padrinos

Escorts & Damas

Quinceañera with Parents/Guardians

1. The second pew is reserved for the parents/guardians and grandparents.
2. Third pew is reserved for the Damas & Escorts.
3. Fourth pew is reserved for the Padrinos.

****Seating arrangements may change. ****